EXTRA CHAPTER
Handa-kun
SATSUKI YOSHINO

IS THIS REALLY A GOOD IDEA?
LAST MONTH WAS THE FINAL CHAPTER...
...YET WE'RE RESUMING THE STORY.
WELL, IT'S SUMMERTIME, SO WHY NOT?
JUST FOR THAT!?
AND BESIDES, HOW IS HANDA-KUN SUPPOSED TO BEHAVE FROM NOW ON?
WELL, IT'S ONLY FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS.
WE'LL DO ALL WE CAN TO AVOID DISTURBING HANDA-KUN.
BUT THE SERIES HANDA-KUN EXISTS SOLELY DUE TO HANDA-KUN.
OKAY, MAYBE WE COULD CHANGE THE TITLE...
...SO THAT HANDA-KUN DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THE MAIN CHARACTER.
THE COUP BEGINS...
HERE, HOW ABOUT THIS?
SURE, THAT WORKS.
Handa-Kun
-HANDA'S ARMY-

In sickness...
...and in health...
As an anime...
...or as an extra arc...
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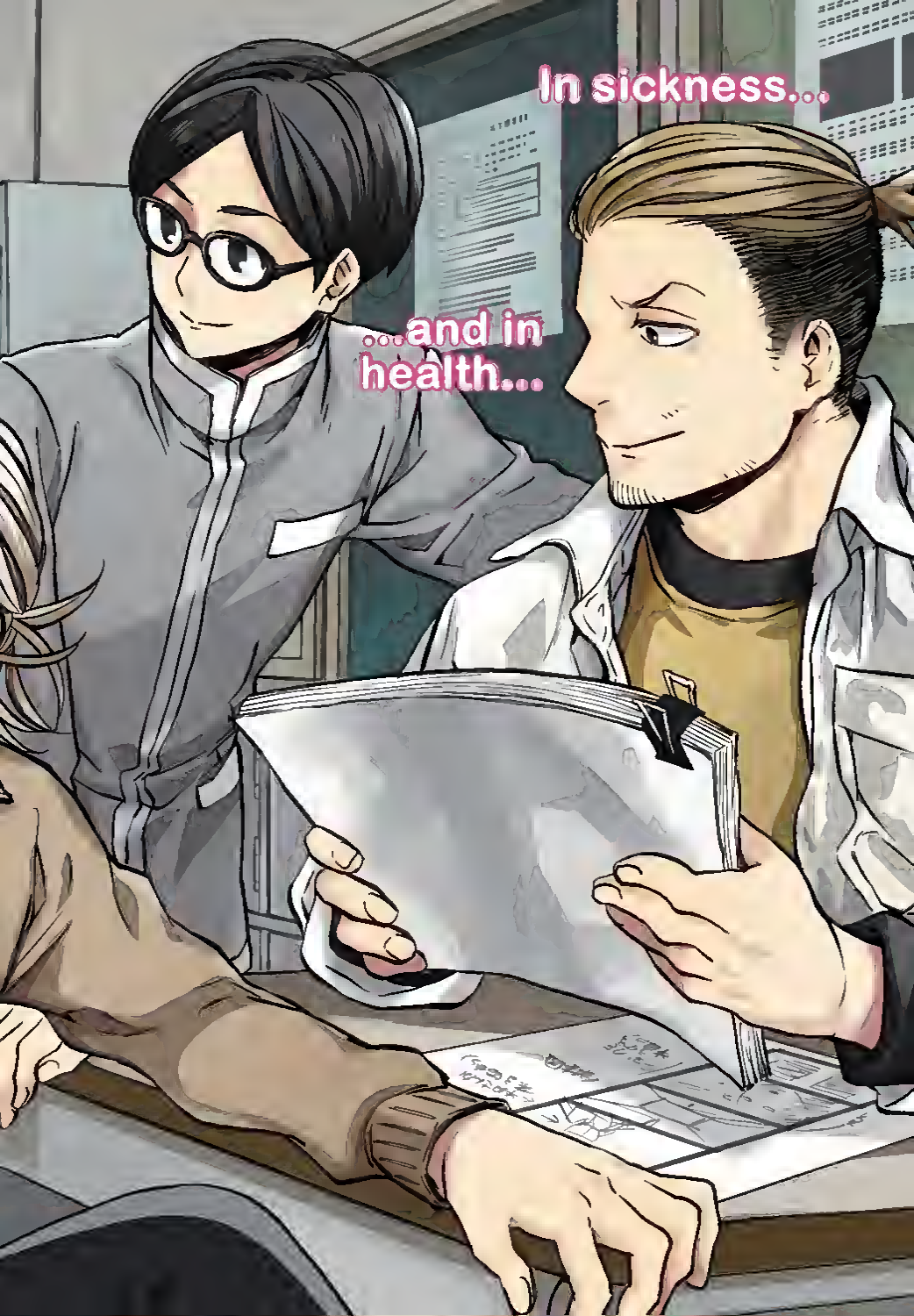
In sickness...
...and in health...

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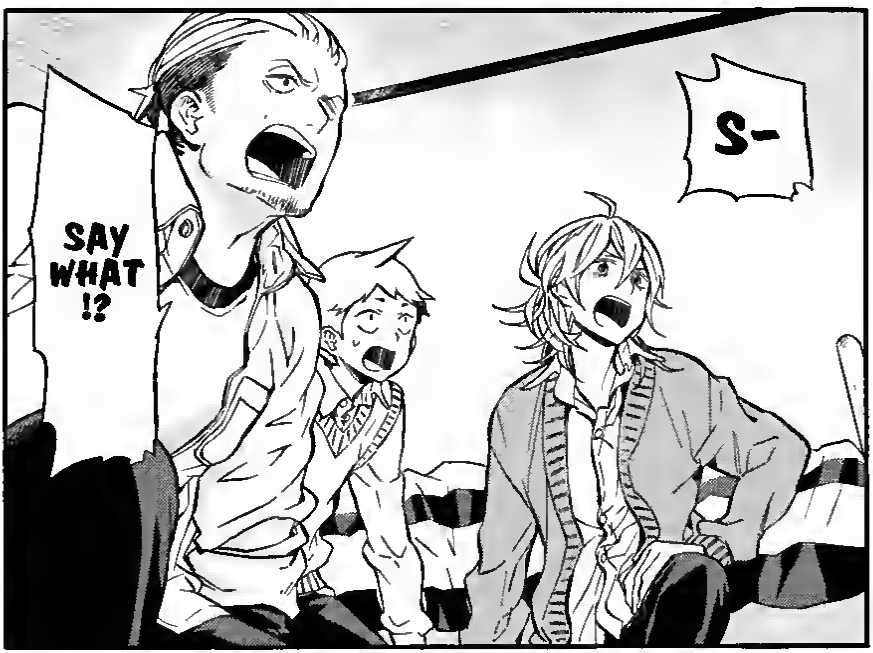
BIG NEWS, EVERY-ONE!
BAAN (FLING)
APPARENTLY AN ANIME'S STARTING WITH HANDA-KUN AS THE MAIN CHARACTER!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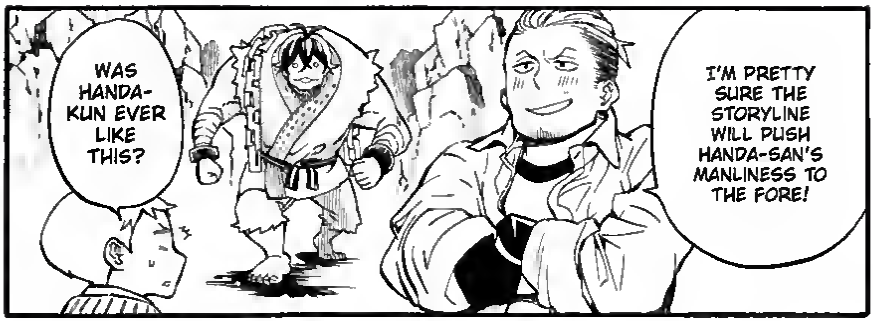
SAY WHAT !?

AT LAST, THE MEDIA HAVE DISCOVERED HANDA-SAN.
WHILE ON THE LATE SIDE...
...THAT ANIME COMPANY HAS A DISCERNING EYE.
I'VE HEARD THAT SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE DONE GREAT THINGS ARE MAKING IT INTO A DRAMA.
BUT WHY FOR HANDA-KUN, A LONE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?
DON'T LUMP HANDA IN WITH THAT KIND OF HIGH-SCHOOLER!
IT MUST HAVE BEEN DUE TO A CERTAIN PUBLISHER'S MYSTERIOUS MACHINATIONS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.
BEFORE ANYONE REALIZED, THEIR PLANS HAD BEEN SET IN MOTION.
THAT'S OUR HANDA-SAN. FULL OF MYSTERY.
WILL THEY BE DOING IT AS A TYPICAL POPULAR-STUDENT SCHOOL ANIME?
WHAT WOULD IT BE ABOUT?
HRMM...


WAS HANDA-KUN EVER LIKE THIS?
I'M PRETTY SURE THE STORYLINE WILL PUSH HANDA-SAN'S MANLINESS TO THE FORE!

DOES THIS EVER HAPPEN IN TOKYO?
MMPH.
A BEAR.
GROWW
WWWL!

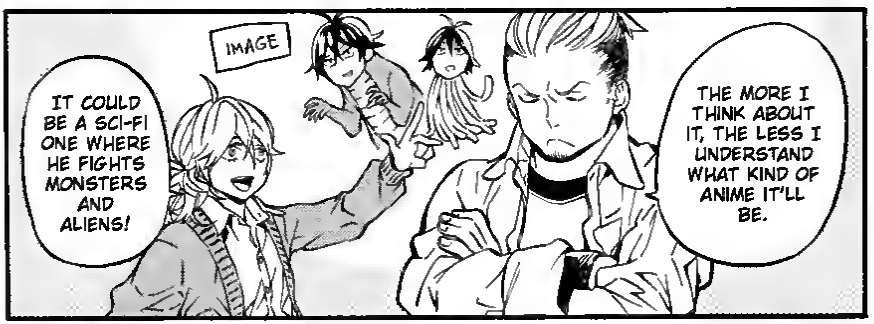
I DOUBT THAT BEAR'S FRIGHTENED...
Nothing to fear. Nothing to fear.
You're just frightened.
GABURI (CHOMP)
BUT YOU SEE, HANDA-SAN IS GENTLE...

...AND FASHIONABLE ADULT ROMANCE ANIME.
IT'LL DEFINITELY BE A STYLISH...
ANIME REEKING OF MANLINESS ISN'T POPULAR THESE DAYS.

TWO PEOPLE MEET ON A STREET IN EUROPE.
OH, SO IT'S NOT IN JAPAN.
DON (BUMP)
OH! PARDON ME.
HASU (SHWIMP)
はすっ
ぽい
PASHI (NAIP)
LEAVE IT TO ME
GORO
MY ORANGES!
GORO (ROLL)
SO DREAMY!
HERE
I PICKED THEM ALL UP
AND THAT'S HOW THEIR LOVE BEGINS.
GOKURI (GULP)
THERE'S AN INCREDIBLY CREEPY PANEL PARTWAY THROUGH... WILL PEOPLE BE OKAY WITH THAT?

THAT'S DESPICABLE!
BY CURRYING FAVOR WITH THE FRENCH, WE COULD GET INVITED TO JAPAN EXPO!
GREAT IDEA.
SINCE HANDA IS A CHIC AND STYLISH MAN, I WONDER IF FRANCE WOULD WORK FOR THE LOCATION?

BOTH PLANS ARE DESPICABLE!
WE COULD MAKE JAPANESE CULTURE OUR SELLING POINT FOR GETTING INVITED TO JAPAN EXPO.
BUT THEN, CALLIGRAPHY IS THE BEDROCK PROVIDING THE FOUNDATION FOR HANDA-KUN.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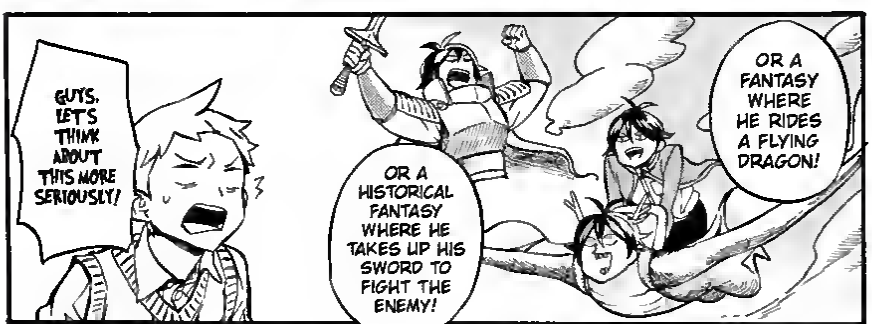
IT COULD BE A SCI-FI ONE WHERE HE FIGHTS MONSTERS AND ALIENS!
THE MORE I THINK ABOUT IT, THE LESS I UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF ANIME IT'LL BE.


GUYS, LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS MORE SERIOUSLY!
OR A HISTORICAL FANTASY WHERE HE TAKES UP HIS SWORD TO FIGHT THE ENEMY!
OR A FANTASY WHERE HE RIDES A FLYING DRAGON!

I'M SURE IT'LL JUST BE A FUN SCHOOL ANIME.
HANDA-KUN IS MORE OF A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT.
... PLAGUED BY UNWANTED PUBLIC ATTENTION.
ABOUT AN AWKWARD AND SYMPATHETIC "SHY BOY"...
YUKI-KUN.
OH... COULD THAT BE TRUE?
THAT'S RIGHT. YOU'RE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF HANDA-SAN.
YOU SHOULDN'T DREAM ABOUT HANDA-KUN BEING AN AVERAGE GUY JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE ONE.

WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY, MY CONFIDENCE EVAPORATES.
WELL...
...IF WE WATCH, WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT KIND OF SHOW IT IS.
HUH?
WHAT WAS THE TITLE?
THE TITLE IS HANDA-KUN.
.....
HUH?
IT SEEMS THAT EPISODE ONE'S ALREADY AIRED.
EH!?
NO WAY!

OH NO... WE, THE HANDA ARMY...
...WITH NOT A SINGLE MEMBER AWARE THAT THE ANIME HAD ALREADY STARTED? IT'S UNTHINKABLE!
Y-YEAH, REALLY.
COULDN'T SOMEONE HAVE RECORDED IT EVEN WITHOUT PLANNING TO?
BA (RAISE?)
THOSE WHO THINK THEY MAY HAVE RECORDED IT?
SU (SEND?)
THOSE WHO ACTUALLY DID RECORD IT?

THERE'RE THREE OF YOU! HOW COULD YOU ALL HAVE MISSED RECORDING IT!?
IT'S EMBARRASSING ENOUGH THAT YOU AREN'T WATCHING THE SHOW IN REAL TIME!!
SUCH EMBARRASSMENTS TO THE HANDA ARMY!
HEY, SO ARE YOU!
SAY...
...I WONDER IF MAYBE FAKE-KUN OR DASH RECORDED IT?
GOOD POINT!
I'LL CHECK!
DOKI (THUMP)
DOKI
HI, FAKE-KUN?
PURURURU (BRRRING)
I'M CALLING ABOUT HANDA-KUN'S ANIME.
HUH?
IT'S THE ANIME.
UH, NO, YOU'RE NOT IN IT.
AS A VOICE ACTOR? YOU WOULDN'T GET CALLED FOR THAT.

SIGH
HE SAID HE WANTED TO WRITE CHARACTER SONG LYRICS.
PU (BEEP)
HE EVEN PRESUMED HE COULD APPEAR IN THE ANIME.
FAKE-KUN WAS A WASH (AS A HUMAN BEING)...
OH, HELLO, DASH?
I'M CALLING DASH NEXT.
IT'S A SONG FOR HIS CHARAC-TER!
WELL YEAH, OF COURSE HE WOULD.
IF THERE'S A HANDA CHARACTER SONG, I WONDER IF HANDA WOULD SING IT.
CHAR-ACTER SONGS, HUH?
EH?
THERE'S ALREADY A HANDA CHARACTER SONG!?
YEAH, SINCE ALL HE EVER THINKS ABOUT IS RUNNING.
DASH IS LIKELY A WASH TOO.
WHAT KIND OF CONVERSA-TION ARE THEY HAVING...?
WHO MISHEARS "CHARACTER SONG" AS "MARA-THON"!?
FORGET I MEN-TIONED CHARAC-TER SONG. LET'S TALK ABOUT THE ANIME.
HANDA CHARAC-TER SONG ...
HUH!? NO, WAIT!
YOU MEAN THE HANEDA MARATHON.

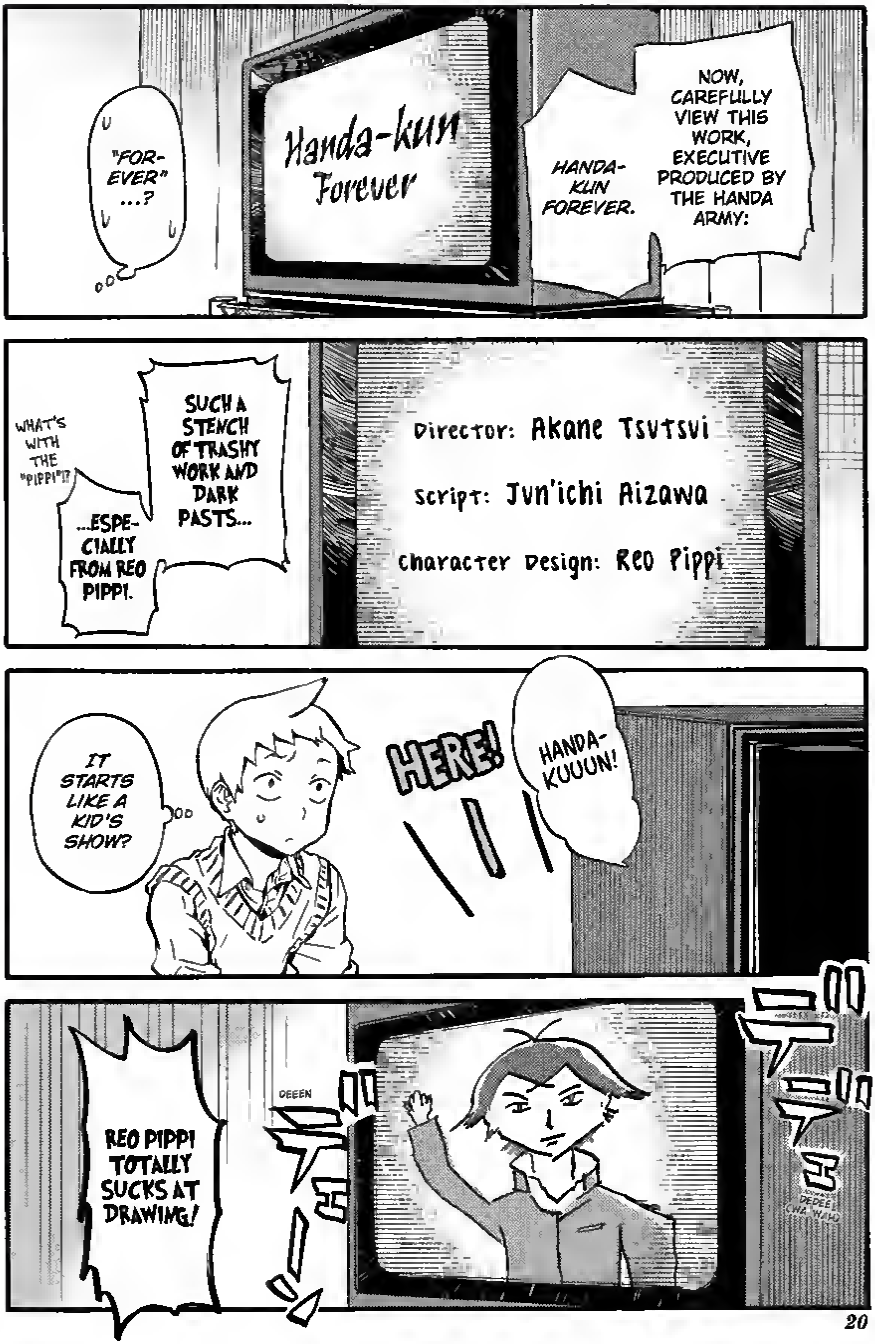
DUNG BEETLES ARE MORE CAPABLE THAN THOSE GUYS...AT LEAST THEY CAN EAT DUNG...
THOSE TWO ARE THE VERY PICTURE OF USELESSNESS.
THAT WAS A WASH.
BUT IF SHE LEARNS OF THE HANDA ARMY'S FAILURE, WE'LL GET ERASED...
NOW ERASER WOULD MOST LIKELY HAVE RECORDED IT.
YOU'D BE THAT BOTHERSOME ABOUT IT!?
SHALL I BITE THE BULLET AND CONTACT THE PRODUCTION COMPANY?
WILL IT REALLY BE FINE...?
KAKA CLICK
IS IT THIS ONE?
AFTER ALL, IT'S LIKE WE'RE PART OF HANDA-KUN'S FAMILY!
IT'LL BE FINE.

HELLO, IS THIS DIOMEDEA?
HE ACTUALLY CALLED THEM!
I AM WITH THE HANDA ARMY, WHICH HANDLES MANAGEMENT FOR HANDA-KUN.
I BELIEVE THIS MAY HAVE BEEN DUE TO A TV STATION BLUNDER...
...BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO WATCH THE FIRST EPISODE.
...WOULD YOU REBROAD— ER, COULD I ASK YOU TO RESTART THE SHOW FROM THE BEGINNING THIS WEEK?
EH? YOU CAN'T!?
WELL THAT'S RATHER ODD.
WHAT'S THAT? WE CAN WATCH HANDA-KUN ALL WE LIKE AT SOME STRANGE PLACE!?
I'M GETTING NOWHERE WITH YOU.
PUT THE DIRECTOR ON THE LINE!
LET'S STOP THIS!
GO MUCH FURTHER AND YOU'LL BE JUST AN ENTITLED WHINER!

SO HOW'D IT GO?
YOU WERE PRETTY AGGRESSIVE...
OF COURSE THEY DID!
GCK!
THEY HUNG UP ON ME!?
(BUTSU (BOOP)
WHEN TALKING TO AIZAWA-KUN...
...YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE THE CONVERSATION WILL GO.
THIS IS THE HANDA ARMY HERE!
WE DIDN'T EVEN GET INVITED TO THE PREVIEW!
EXPECTING ME TO WATCH EPISODE ONE ON-DEMAND...
WHAT AN OUTRAGEOUS COMPANY!
WE'LL MAKE A PROPER HANDA-KUN ANIME OURSELVES!
WE CAN'T ENTRUST HANDA-SAN TO A COMPANY THAT MAKES LIGHT OF THE HANDA ARMY.
YEAH... BEING PART OF THIS DISCUSSION IS TOO DANGEROUS...
WE'LL SELL THE FINISHED PRODUCT TO A RIVAL STATION!
SOUNDS GREAT!

WITH THAT DECIDED, NOW WE ASSEMBLE A TALENTED TEAM!
WE'LL CALL IN EVERYONE WHO SEEMS CAPABLE, FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT DOWN TO TAKOYAKI-KUN!
OKAY!
WITH ALL THE THROW-AWAY CHARACTERS THE SERIES HAS HAD...
...WE'VE GOT STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.
SAY, IS IT OKAY IF I LEAVE NOW?
Handa-kun
WOULDN'T THE BEAUX-ARTS CLUB TURN US INTO BEAUTIE GIRLS?
AND THE LIBRARIAN?
THE CARNIVORES?
CALLING ON THEM SEEMS MORE TROUBLE THAN IT'S WORTH.
I'M LEAVING NOW.
AND SO...
...OUR BATTLE BEGINS!
REALLY, I'M LEAVING...
WAIT FOR US, HANDA-SAN!

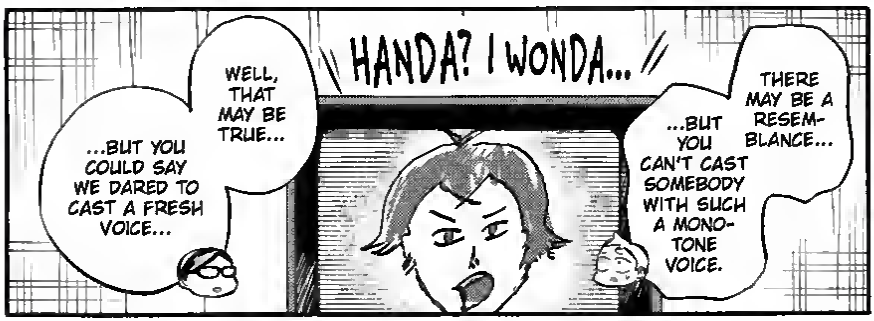
...WORKED TO MAKE AN ANIME WITH HANDA-KUN AS THE MAIN CHARACTER.
...THE HANDA ARMY, WITH SOME ADDITIONAL MEMBERS...
AFTER THAT...
じゃん
JAN (TAN-DAN)
Handa-kun Anime
IT'S ALL DONE!
THIS IS THE REAL HANDA-KUN!!
SEV-ERAL DAYS LATER
HANDA ANIM
WE'LL SHOW THEM THAT THE HANDA ARMY MEANS BUSINESS!!
...BUT THEIR CREATIONS CAN'T BEAT THE HANDA ARMY'S!
I DON'T KNOW DIOMEDÉA OR TBS...
SHA (SWIFT)
YOU WERE ALL ON THE PRODUCTION SIDE, SO I'M THE ONLY VIEWER.
NOW THEN, TIME FOR THE SCREENING!

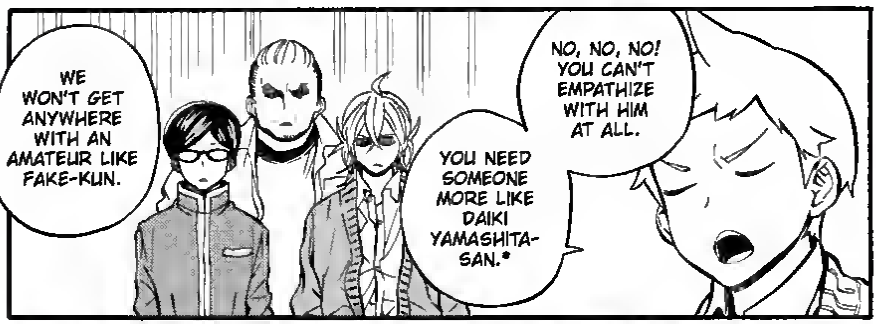

"FOR-EVER" ...?
Handa-kun Forever
HANDA-KUN FOREVER.
NOW, CAREFULLY VIEW THIS WORK, EXECUTIVE PRODUCED BY THE HANDA ARMY:
WHAT'S WITH THE "PIPPI"!?
...ESPE-CIALLY FROM REO PIPPI.
SUCH A STENCH OF TRASHY WORK AND DARK PASTS...
Director: Akane Tsutsui
Script: Jun'ichi Aizawa
Character Design: Reo Pippi
IT STARTS LIKE A KID'S SHOW?
HERE!
HANDA-KUUUN!
REO PIPPI TOTALLY SUCKS AT DRAWING!
DEEEN
DEEE

KOKURI (NOD)
こくり
YOU EVEN WROTE AN OPENING SONG?
THE "HA" IN "HANDA-KUN" IS...
JAGA (JANGLE)
JAAAN
THE "N" IN "HANDA-KUN" IS...
...THE "N-N-N" YOU HUM WHEN WORRIED.
..."HA" FOR HANSHI CALLIGRAPHY PAPER!
AT THE TRACK MEET, HE'LL FOR REAL DASH!!
IT'S A GOOD TRACK!
YEAH, A GOOD TRACK!
AT THE DRUG-STORE, HOOK A GUPPY MASKED...
(RAP)
GIVE IT FLACK—
STAIN IT BLACK—
YOU DON'T SAY.
THESE LYRICS ARE BY FAKE-KUN.
So
CHASED HIM DOWN THE TRACK
THAT SUMMER DAY HE RAN...

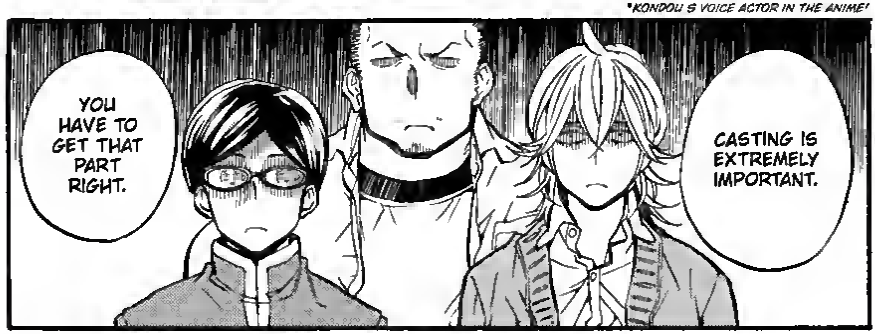
OH, SO HANDA-KUN ISN'T AN EARTHLING.
LOOK!
PART A IS THE SCENE WHERE HANDA-KUN BEAMS DOWN TO EARTH.
"PICKED UP"? HE'S NOT A CAT...
NARRATION?
"Having come to Earth, Handa-kun...
"...was picked up by the kind-hearted Handa Army."
"But thanks to the Handa Army's loyal support...
"Handa-kun couldn't even stand up under the force of Earth's gravity.
LIKE WHAT !?
"...now he's like this!"

DID YOU DRAW THAT, REO-KUN?
DO YOUR BEST! DO YOUR BEST!
THIS ISN'T GOING TO WORK!
THE ART IS CATASTROPHICALLY BAD AND CONVEYS NOTHING AT ALL!
OH, NO.
THEY SHOW INCREDIBLE PROFESSIONALISM ... UNLIKE YOU.
THE BEAUX-ARTS CLUB DID THE DRAWINGS BASED ON THESE.
I JUST DID THE CHARACTER DESIGNS.
SHUSH!
WE'RE ALMOST TO THE SCENE WHERE HANDA-KUN STANDS UP!
NOBODY COMPLAINED ABOUT MY CHARACTER DESIGNS, SEE?
STOP IT! I'M ON THE VERGE OF A MENTAL BREAKDOWN!

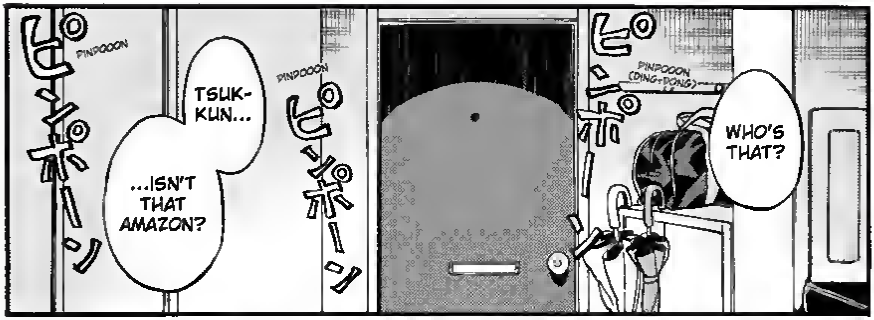

HANDA? I WONDA...
WELL, THAT MAY BE TRUE...
...BUT YOU COULD SAY WE DARED TO CAST A FRESH VOICE...
THERE MAY BE A RESEMBLANCE...
...BUT YOU CAN'T CAST SOMEBODY WITH SUCH A MONOTONE VOICE.

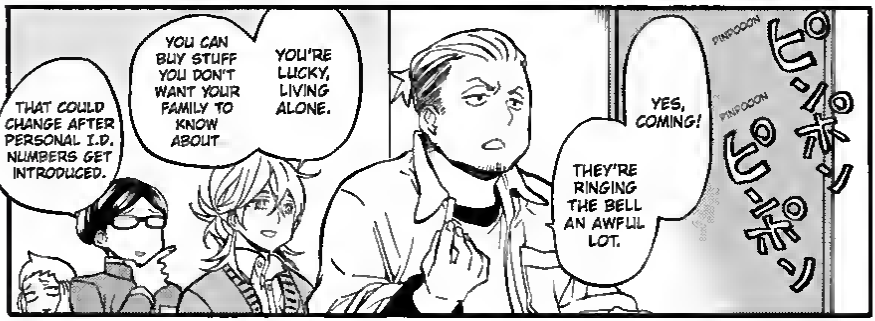

WE WON'T GET ANYWHERE WITH AN AMATEUR LIKE FAKE-KUN.
NO, NO, NO! YOU CAN'T EMPATHIZE WITH HIM AT ALL.
YOU NEED SOMEONE MORE LIKE DAIKI YAMASHITA-SAN.*

*KONDOU'S VOICE ACTOR IN THE ANIME!

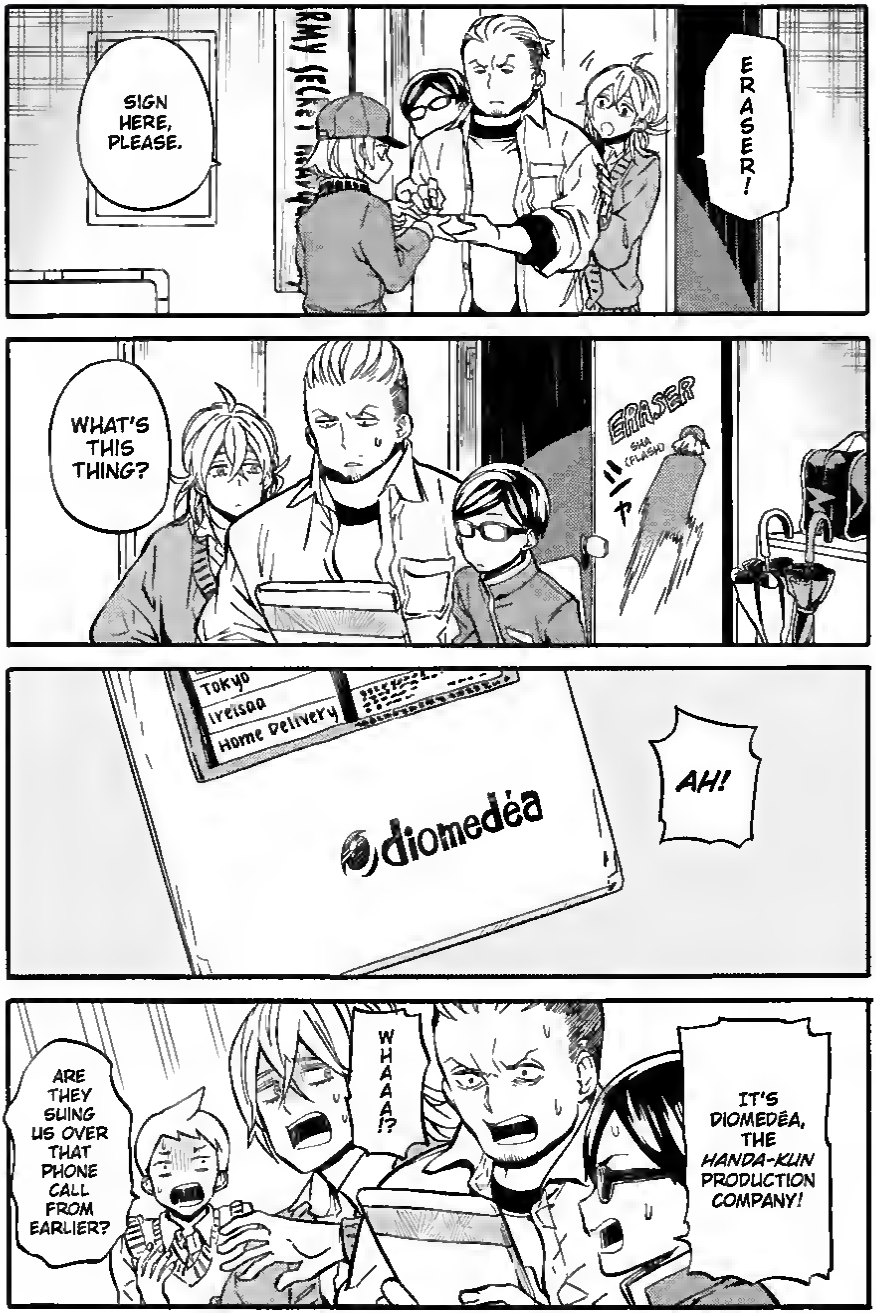


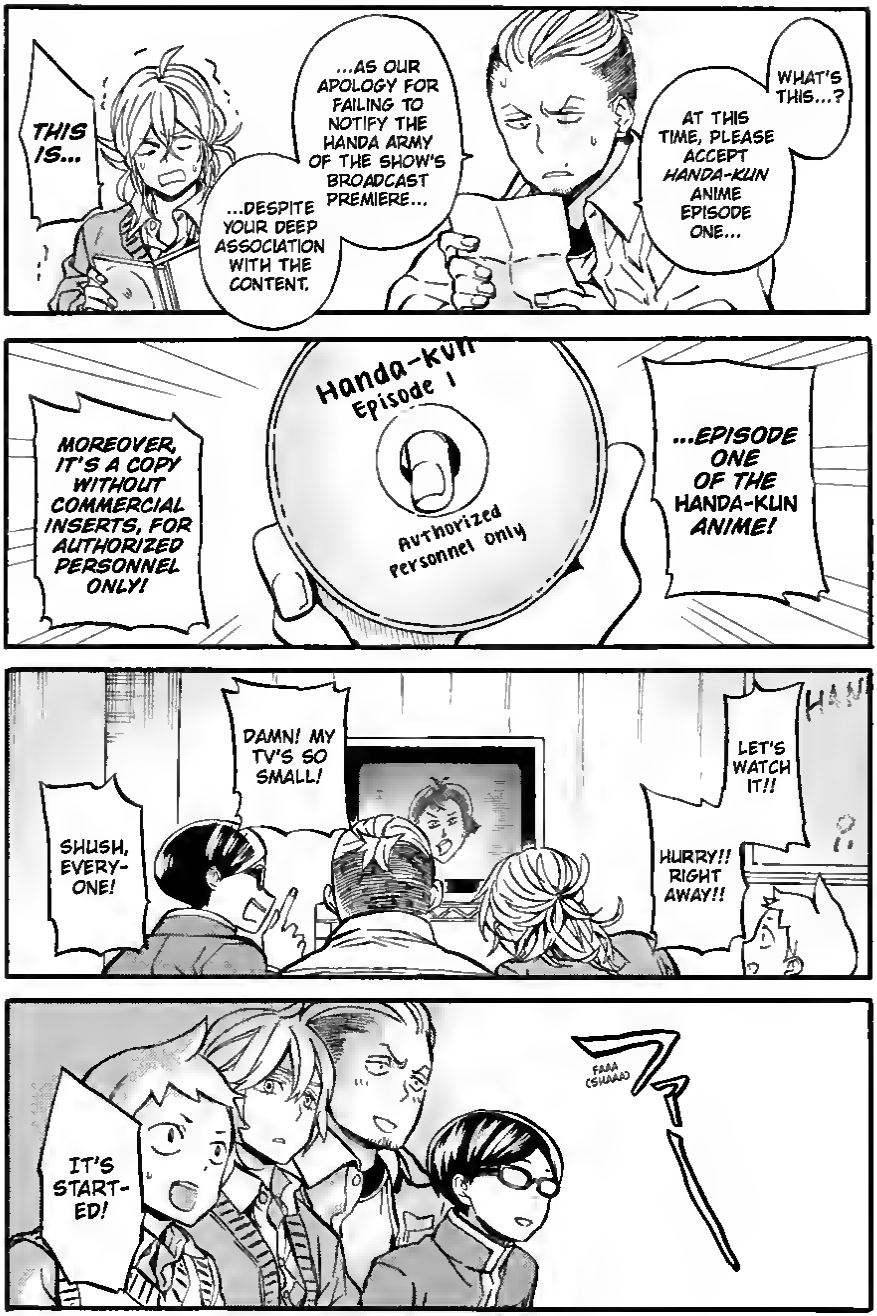
SHUT UP!
IF YOU LET ME HANDLE IT—
MERI (CRACK)
GYUUU (TUG)
MERI
ARE YOU THE ORIGINAL CREATOR!?
BUN (SHAKE)
BUN
YOU DID NOTHING FOR THE ANIME BUT WATCH, AND NOW YOU CAN ONLY COMPLAIN!
MAKING ANIME TAKES HUGE AMOUNTS OF WORK!
BGI (CREAK)
GI
ARE YOU THE ORIGINAL CREATOR!?
WE ALL WORKED OUR HARDEST IN THE HOPES THAT YOU'D ENJOY IT!
HOW DARE YOU YAP HOW IT DOESN'T FIT THE IMAGE YOU HAD IN MIND!
ARE YOU THE ORIGINAL CREATOR!?
PINPOOON
HM?
ARE YOU THE ORIGINAL CREATOR!?
THEY'RE REALLY TENSE!
ANIME NEGOTIATIONS ARE RELENTLESS!
PINPOOON (DING-DONG)

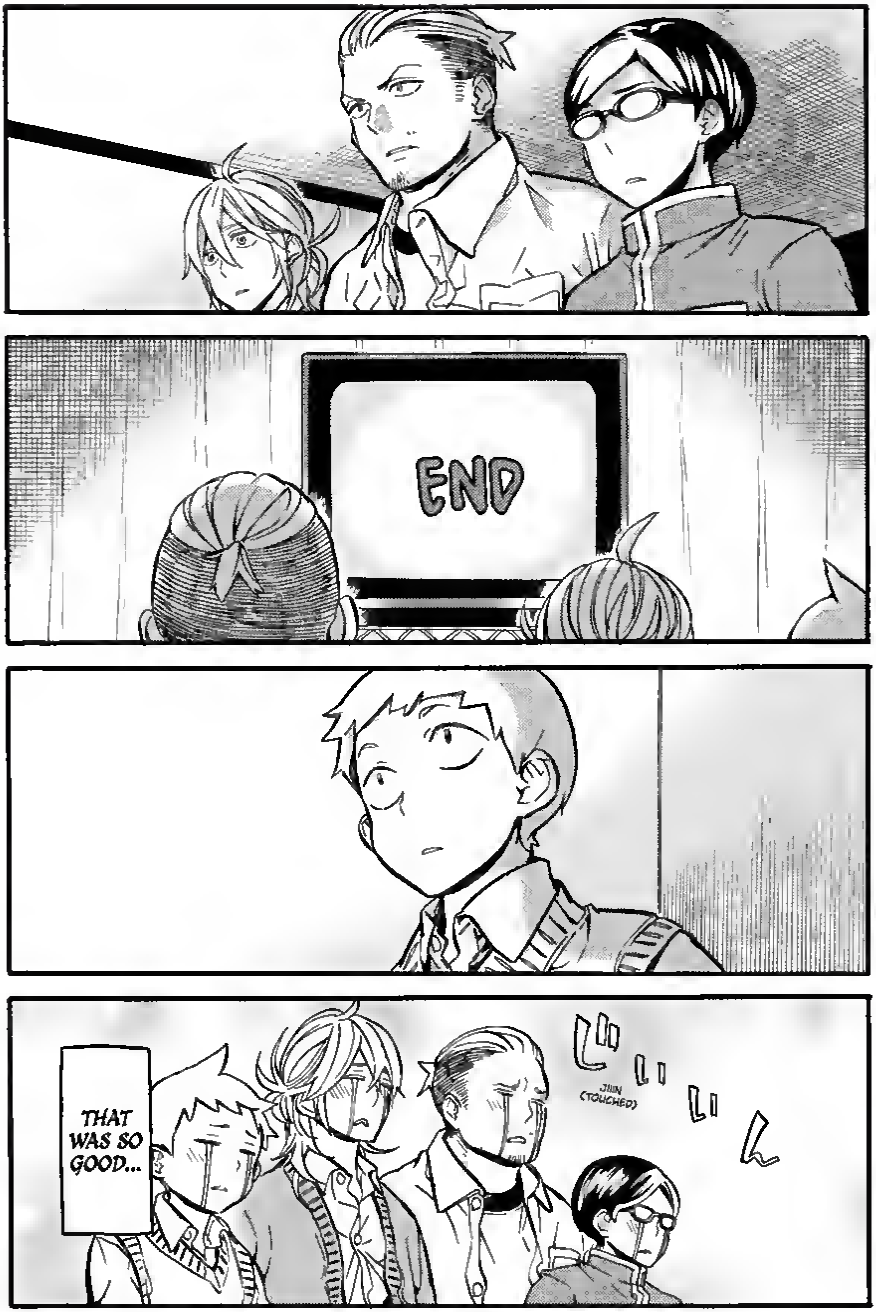

PINPOOON
TSUK-KUN...
...ISN'T THAT AMAZON?
PINPOOON
PINPOOON (DING-DONG)
WHO'S THAT?


YOU'RE LUCKY, LIVING ALONE.
YOU CAN BUY STUFF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR FAMILY TO KNOW ABOUT
THAT COULD CHANGE AFTER PERSONAL I.D. NUMBERS GET INTRODUCED.
PINPOOON
PINPOOON
YES, COMING!
THEY'RE RINGING THE BELL AN AWFUL LOT.

ERASER
SPECIAL DELIVERY.


ERASER!
SIGN HERE, PLEASE.
WHAT'S THIS THING?
ERASER
SHA (FLASH)
Tokyo
Iyeisaa
Home Delivery
diomedéa
AH!
IT'S DIOMEDÉA, THE HANDA-KUN PRODUCTION COMPANY!
WHAAA!?
ARE THEY SUING US OVER THAT PHONE CALL FROM EARLIER?


THIS IS...
...DESPITE YOUR DEEP ASSOCIATION WITH THE CONTENT.
...AS OUR APOLOGY FOR FAILING TO NOTIFY THE HANDA ARMY OF THE SHOW'S BROADCAST PREMIERE...
AT THIS TIME, PLEASE ACCEPT HANDA-KUN ANIME EPISODE ONE...
WHAT'S THIS...?
MOREOVER, IT'S A COPY WITHOUT COMMERCIAL INSERTS, FOR AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY!
Handa-kun Episode 1
Authorized Personnel Only
...EPISODE ONE OF THE HANDA-KUN ANIME!
DAMN! MY TV'S SO SMALL!
SHUSH, EVERY-ONE!
LET'S WATCH IT!!
HURRY!! RIGHT AWAY!!
IT'S START-ED!
FAAA (SWAAA)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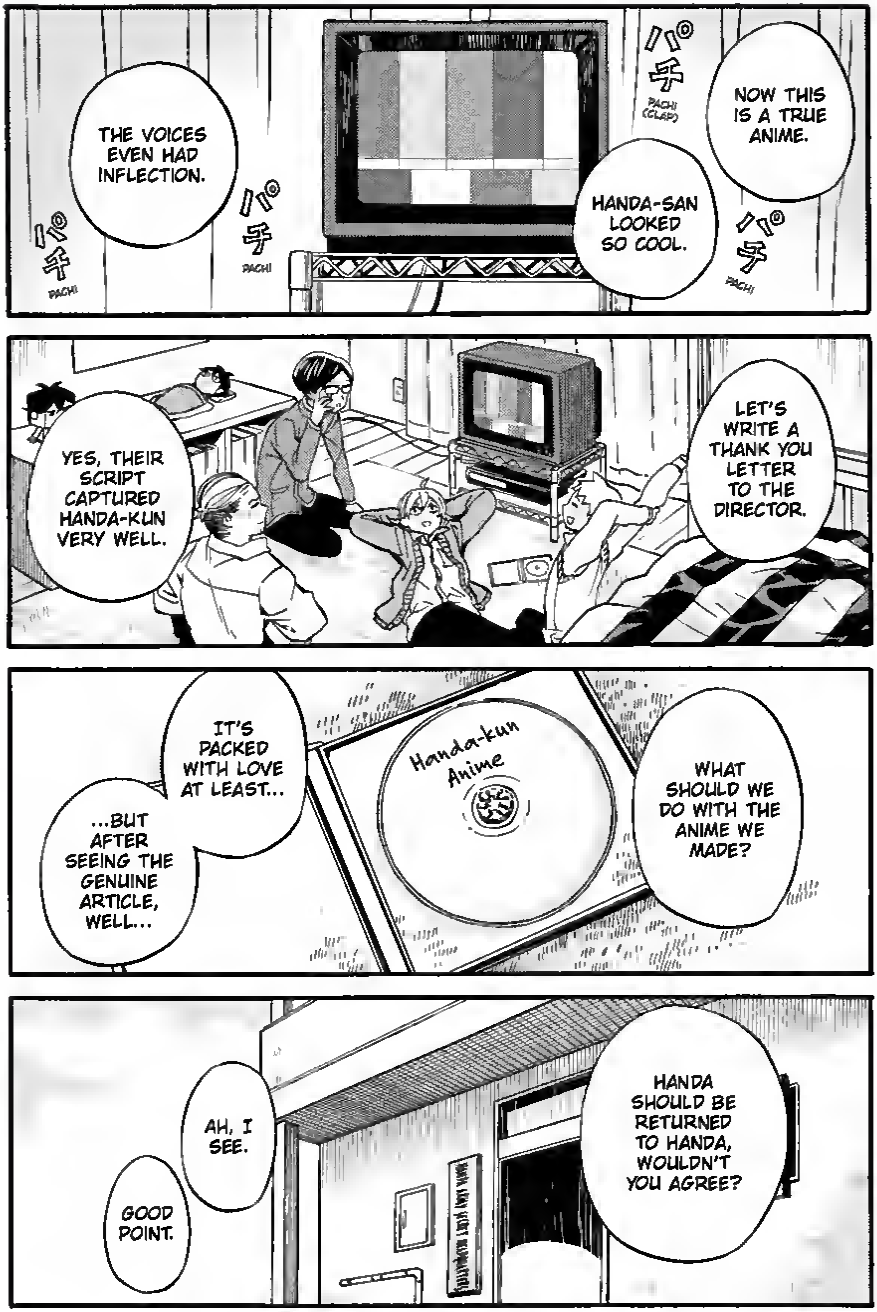
THAT WAS SO GOOD...
JIIIN (TOUCHED)


THE VOICES EVEN HAD INFLECTION.
パチ
PACHI
パチ
PACHI
HANDA-SAN LOOKED SO COOL.
パチ
PACHI (CLAP)
NOW THIS IS A TRUE ANIME.
パチ
PACHI
YES, THEIR SCRIPT CAPTURED HANDA-KUN VERY WELL.
LET'S WRITE A THANK YOU LETTER TO THE DIRECTOR.
IT'S PACKED WITH LOVE AT LEAST...
...BUT AFTER SEEING THE GENUINE ARTICLE, WELL...
Handa-kun Anime
WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THE ANIME WE MADE?
AH, I SEE.
GOOD POINT.
HANDA SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HANDA, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE?

ERASER
HM?
WHAT'S ON IT?
SEI-SAAAN! YOU GOT A PACKAGE!
IT'S A DVD.
JAGA (JANGLE)
JAAAN
THE "HA" IN "HANDA-KUN" IS...
PI (PEEP)
(OFF)
DIDN'T WATCH IT.

Handa-kun

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